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SECRETARY OF STATE RECOMMENDS DELAYING UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge – Secretary of State Al Ater announces that he has issued an emergency certification recommending the rescheduling of several upcoming scheduled elections in Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion Parishes. State law requires the Secretary of State to certify to the Governor when a state of emergency exists that would affect the electoral process. Ater issued the certification today to the Office of Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco.

Ater recommends that the Governor issue an executive order to reschedule the following elections originally scheduled for Oct. 15: In Allen Parish, Aldermen, Village of Reeves, special primary election for November 12; Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4, special primary election for November 12; Mayor, Village of Reeves, special primary election for November 12 and special general election for December 10; and Member of the School Board, District 2, special primary election for November 12 and special general election for December 10; and the special proposition elections for Oberlin Recreation District No. 5; Allen Parish Police Jury; Road District No. 3; Road District No. 4; Sub-Road District No. 5-A and Town of Oberlin for Nov. 12.

Ater also recommends rescheduling elections in Beauregard Parish, Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 4 and the special proposition election for Sales Tax District No. 1 for Nov. 12; and in Calcasieu Parish, District Attorney, 14th Judicial District Court, special primary election for November 12 and special general election for December 10; and Police Juror, District 8, special primary election for November 12 and special general election for December 10; and the special proposition election for the Town of Iowa for Nov. 12.

Additionally, Ater recommends rescheduling elections in Jefferson Davis Parish, Chief of Police, Town of Elton, special primary election for November 12 and special general election for December 10; and Council Member, Town of Lake Arthur, special primary election for November 12; and in Vermilion Parish, the special proposition elections for the Law Enforcement District and the Parishwide School District for Nov. 12.

Absentee voting for the primary elections, scheduled for Nov. 12 will be held Oct. 31 – 12:00 p.m. noon on Nov. 5. Absentee voting for the Dec. 10 general elections will be held Nov. 28 – 12:00 p.m. noon on Dec. 3.

“Because of difficulties in conducting a fair election as a result of Hurricane Rita and its resulting aftermath, we will not be able to have machines, personnel, or electorate in place by the originally scheduled October date,” Ater said. “We fully expect to have the resources in place to effectively conduct these elections by November.”

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